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MEMORANDUM

To: All MA Ambulance Services
From: Jon Burstein, MD, State EMS Medical Director
Louise Goyette, Director, OEMS
Re: Statewide Treatment Protocol, Version 6.03-2
Date: November 14, 2005

OEMS greatly appreciates your help and effort as we are completing the revisions of the Statewide Treatment Protocols (STP) to the new version 6.03-2. We have incorporated the clinical care changes recommended by the Medical Services Committee (MSC) and approved by the Executive Committee of the Emergency Care Advisory Board (EMCAB), and have in addition attempted to simplify the language to both shorten the document and increase its clarity. The current draft of version 6.03-2 has now gone through review by MSC and EMCAB members since October 14, 2005 to ensure that their intent was captured correctly.

We are posting the draft of 6.03-2 on the OEMS website and making it effective starting today, November 10, 2005, for services that have already trained their personnel and updated their medications and equipment. Others can begin using the draft 6.03-2 STP as they complete necessary training and updates of medication and equipment. By January 1, 2006, all services must be operating in compliance with the finalized STP version 6.03-2.

The document currently available does not include the updated appendices, as some of them are still undergoing review and revision. All services should continue to operate under the most current appendices of the current STP until such time as the new appendices are posted and announced.

We hope that this protocol revision helps you in your mission to provide the best possible out-of-hospital medical care to the citizens of and visitors to the Commonwealth. If you have any questions or comments on the new protocol format, please contact the OEMS Clinical Coordinator, Tom Quail, RN. Please keep in mind that comments involving substantive changes to the protocols' clinical content should be directed to your appropriate Regional EMS Council, to be brought to the Medical Services Committee.